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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

September 7, 2016

12:00 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

Chair Chatfield called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Chatfield, Price, Maturen, Runestad, Sheppard, Theis, Moss, Brunner, Rutledge, Neeley,

Absent and excused: Rep. Heise

Rep. Price moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 25, 2016. The motion prevailed.

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee SB 239 – Robertson – Animals; other; breed discrimination; eliminate.

Chair Chatfield recognized Senator Robertson and his staff person April Alleman to explain SB 239.

The following person testified to a neutral position on SB 239.

Matt Blakely representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

The following people testified in support of SB 239.

Richard Angelo representing Best Friends Animal Society
Terry Hodskins representing Michigan Pit Bull Education Project
Former Rep. Fran Amos representing herself
Courtney Protz-Sanders representing Michigan's Political Action Committee for Animals
Ann Griffin representing the Michigan Humane Society
Kelley LaBonty representing Detroit Animal Welfare Group

The following people testified in opposition to SB 239.

Vaughn Wagner representing himself
Julie Williams representing herself and family

The following people filled out a testimony card in support of SB 239 but did not want to testify.

Peter Ruddell representing Humane Society of the United States
Tom Hudson representing Make Michigan Next
Christy Lawrence representing Michigan Political Action Committee for Animals
Joe Dunn representing Best Friends Animal Society
Beth Contreras representing Voiceless – Michigan
Carrie Mc Gowan representing Make Michigan Next
Jen Clarkson representing Dog Aide
Enid Shear representing herself
Danielle Lambert representing herself
Lydia Sattler representing the Humane Society of the United States
Allie Phillips representing herself
Ann Griffin representing Animal Laws – State Bar of Michigan
Michelle Spranger representing Make Michigan Next
Lisa Glime representing herself
Cheryl Baase representing herself
Plia McNeil representing Protect Michigan Dogs

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to SB 239 but did not want to testify.

Jennifer Rigterink representing the Michigan Municipal League
Judy Allen representing Michigan Township Association

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee HB 4264 – Potvin – State; other; accurate boundaries of the state; establish in statute.

Chair Chatfield recognized Rep. Potvin and Dr. Richard Santer to explain HB 4264.

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4264 and wanted to testify but there was insufficient time.

Mollee Neff representing Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4264 but did not want to testify.

Melissa Cogswell representing Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors

Rep. Sheppard moved to excuse the member that was absent. The motion prevailed.

With no further business to come before the committee Chair Chatfield adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:28 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk